

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 18, 2023 | **Sanctuary Service** | *George Long Preaching Series*

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Order of Worship

Prelude

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

J. L. Macbeth Bain

(words for meditation may be found in your hymnal, #86)

Welcome and announcements

Brian Salter, lead pastor

* Call to worship

Psalm 95:1-7

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

All: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

All: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

* Hymn of praise 301, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5

"Join All the Glorious Names"

Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love, and pow'r,
that ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore:
all are too poor to speak his worth, too poor to set my Savior forth.

Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless thy name:
by thee the joyful news of our salvation came,
the joyful news of sins forgiv'n, of hell subdued and peace with heav'n.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered his blood and died;
my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside:
his pow'rful blood did once atone and now it pleads before the throne.

My Savior and my Lord, my Conqu'ror and my King,
thy scepter and thy sword, thy reigning grace, I sing:
thine is the pow'r; behold I sit in willing bonds beneath thy feet.
text by Isaac Watts, 1707; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

1 John 1:5-9

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Silent prayers of confession

Choral prayer

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

Men's Ensemble

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.
music by George Whelpton 1897, arr. R. Crenshaw, 2018

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

taken from Romans 8

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* Hymn of assurance

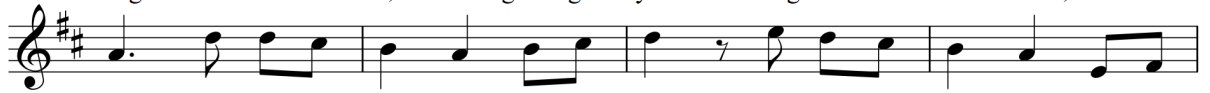
“Before the Throne of God Above”



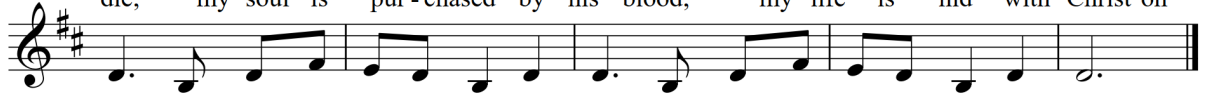
1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect plea, a great High
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me of the guilt with - in, up - ward I
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un -



Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is gra - ven on his
look and see him there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sa - vior
change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him - self, I can - not



hands, my name is writ - ten on his heart; I know that while in heav'n he
died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed free; for God, the Just, is sat - is -
die; my soul is pur - chased by his blood; my life is hid with Christ on



stands no tongue can bid me thence de - part; no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
fied to look on him and par - don me; to look on him and par - don me.
high, with Christ, my Sa - vior and my God; with Christ, my Sa - vior and my God.

text by Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863; music by Vikki Cook, 1997

Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings

Offertory

“And Can It Be”

Men's Ensemble

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?
And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;
emptied himself, so great his love, and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Amazing love, how can it be? Amazing love!
text by Charles Wesley, 1738; music by Dan Forrest, 2014

* **Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

* **Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

* **Scripture reading from Romans 1:8-17**

Brian Salter

⁸First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹²that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"The Gospel Is the Power of God"
Alistair Begg, senior pastor Parkside Church

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 111**

“This Is My Father’s World”

This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world: he shines in all that’s fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.

text by Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901; music by Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915, arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

“Highland Cathedral”
arr. Maddie Lee

Musicians for this week:

Randall Crenshaw – director
Xaris Emmett – violin
Joy Gibbons – organ

Maddie Lee – piano
Jim Magnuson – director

GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES GUEST SPEAKER, ALISTAIR BEGG

Alistair Begg has been in pastoral ministry since 1975. He graduated from the London School of Theology and subsequently served in Scotland at Charlotte Chapel in Edinburgh and Hamilton Baptist Church. In 1983, he became the senior pastor at Parkside Church near Cleveland, Ohio, where he continues to lead the congregation and teach God's Word Sunday by Sunday.

Alistair Begg is also the Bible teacher on the daily and weekend program *Truth For Life*. *Truth For Life* is distributed through 1,900 radio networks across the United States and can also be heard online at truthforlife.org, through YouTube, via podcast, and by way of numerous other listening platforms. Alistair is the author of several books. He and his wife Susan were married in 1975 and have three grown children and eight grandchildren.



GEORGE LONG PREACHING SERIES

The Dr. George W. Long Preaching Series was established by the LMPC Session in 2001 to honor long-time pastor George Long, who served at LMPC through a season of spiritual renewal in the 1970s and '80s. It serves as an annual reminder of "our Savior's faithful use of his holy Word in our midst" and celebrates that God used Dr. Long to call LMPC back to the primacy of God's Word. Dr. Long died in 2016.

Previous speakers have included:

Dr. Gabriel Fluhrer	Rev. Jerram Barrs
Rev. Eric Youngblood	Rev. Paul Tripp
Dr. Richard Pratt	Dr. Bryan Chapell
Dr. Steve Brown	Dr. Reggie Kidd
Dr. Irwyn Ince	Rev. Scotty Smith
Dr. Michael Kruger	Jerry Bridges
Rev. Kennedy Smartt	Rev. Roger Gulick
Rev. Harry Long	Dr. R.C. Sproul
Rev. Joe Novenson	

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING communion service at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Alistair Begg will be our guest preacher; nursery is provided.

CHOICES ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE will be held on Saturday, June 24, with check-in beginning at 9:00 a.m. This year's walk will be held in the Tennessee Riverpark. If you are interested in participating, please visit team.choiceschattanooga.org/wfl.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY is on Wednesday mornings in June from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Nursery is provided; lessons and activities for Pre-K through 5th grade. Attend as you are able.

IF YOU ARE AN ADULT WHO WANTS TO JOIN the church, or you would like to learn about what we believe, mark your calendar for the Intro to LMPC class on August 19 and 20. Registration will open next week on Realm Connect.

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